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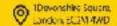
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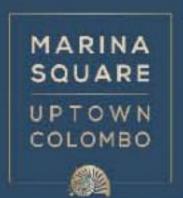
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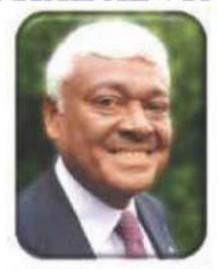


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Message from the President

It is with great pleasure and excitement that I extend a warm welcome to each and every one of you at the 40th Anniversary Blue and Gold Ball after a three-year gap due to the Covid-19 lockdown. This year's event has been eagerly anticipated by our fellow old Royalists in the UK as a time to reunite with old friends, reminisce about good times, and rekindle friendships established during our time at our alma mater.

As the current President of this prestigious Old Boys' Association, one of the very first overseas-based Alumni Associations of a Sri Lankan educational institution established in 1983, I take this opportunity to express our gratitude and appreciation to all our predecessors for their relentless efforts, commitment, and contributions towards our association and the college over the last 40 years. I am confident that all of us gathered here tonight can take great pride in the work our association has done towards our members based in the UK and the contributions made towards supporting the infrastructure, sporting, and extra-curricular activities of the Royal College.

The primary objectives of our association is to provide a forum for Old Royalists living in the UK to meet and support each other while generating much-needed funds to support the College. This would not have been possible without the generosity of our members, many of whom are gathered here tonight. Thank you very much for your continued support, and I hope you will participate with generosity in our fundraising activities later this evening.

I am pleased to acknowledge the participation of many younger and "not-so-young" Old Royalists in numerous sporting and social events of ORA-UK over the last three years, despite the challenging environment we have faced due to Covid-19 restrictions. It has been a great pleasure to see our association continue to grow with increased member participation. I take this opportunity to thank all our members, committee members, and subcommittee members for all their hard work during the past three years in flying the Royal flag high in the UK.

The success of an event of this stature would not be possible without the contribution of many parties. I would like to express my gratitude to our main sponsors, Marina Square, together with Bank of Ceylon (UK) Ltd, Sri Lankan Airlines, donors of raffle prizes, advertisers in this publication, and many of you for your generous contributions. The committee joins me in extending our thanks to the management and staff of the Hyatt Regency The Churchill for welcoming us back to host the Blue and Gold Dance, Exceed for their contribution with fabulous music this evening, our printers PIP Printers, and Designer Kasun Rodrigo for their creative efforts.

My duties as President would not be complete without thanking the absolutely delightful team of Old Royalists on our Committee for their immeasurable contributions in making this event and association activities a huge success during the past three years. Finally, a special thanks to the "loyal Royal ladies and families" for allowing our men to devote their time towards ORA activities while sacrificing their own family commitments.

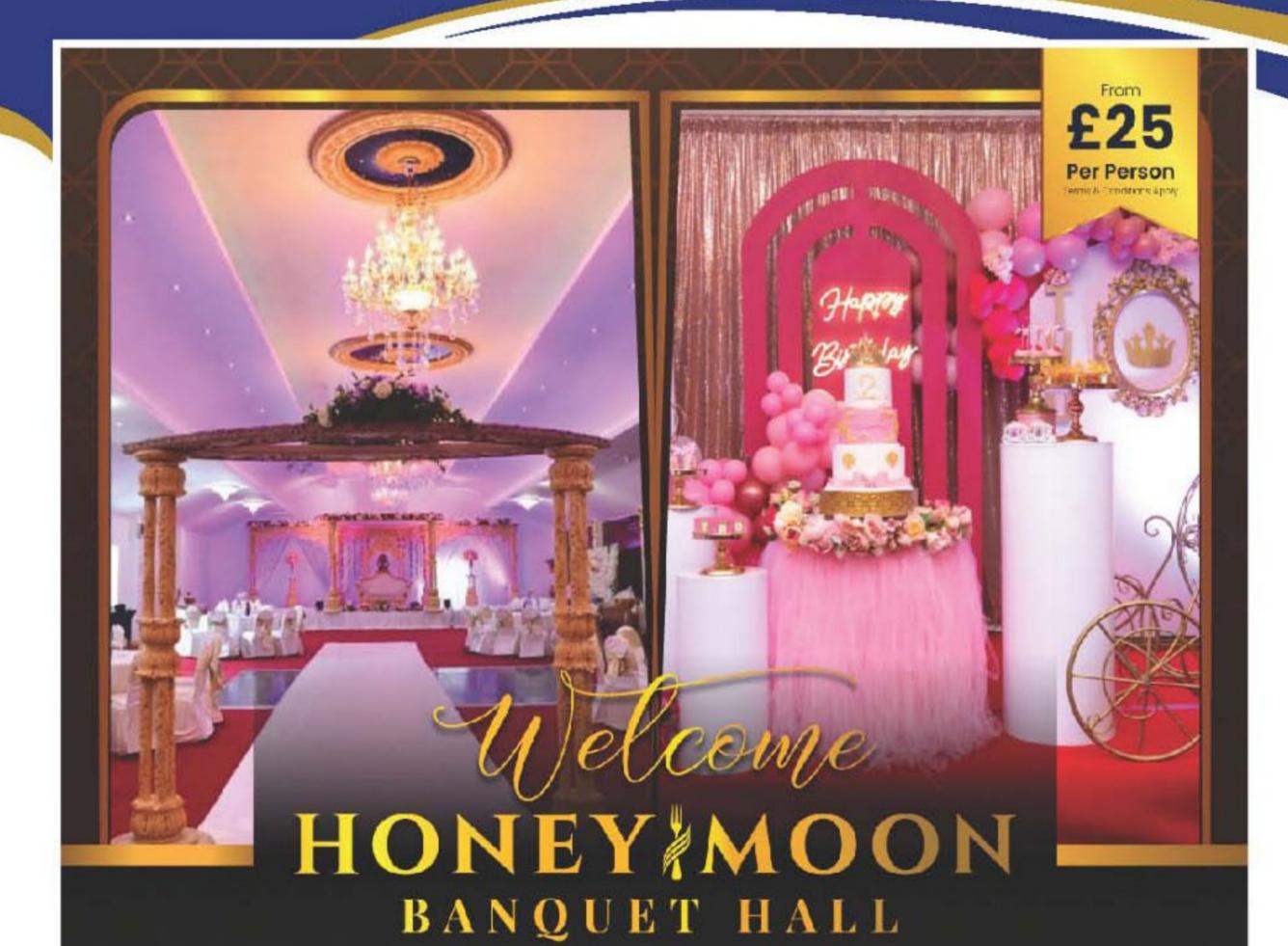
I wish you all an enjoyable evening of "Royal" hospitality! Thank you for your support towards ORAUK and Royal College.

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Message from the Principal

Dear Members of the Old Royalist's Association in the UK,

I am writing to extend my warmest greetings to the committee of the ORA, members, their family and friends on the occasion of the 40th Anniversary Blue and Gold Ball, which will be held on the 22nd of April 2023 at Hyatt Regency London – The Churchill. I wish you all an enjoyable and successful event.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the tremendous support that your association has provided to the Royal College, Colombo over the years. Your contribution has been instrumental in maintaining and uplifting the educational and sporting standards of the school.

At Royal College, we take pride in our rich heritage and traditions, and our alumni around the world have been a source of inspiration to the students in preserving and promoting these values. We value your efforts in helping us to shape the future generations of our school, and we hope that the ORA-UK will continue to thrive and grow stronger in the years to come.

On behalf of the Royal College community, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the ORA-UK once again and to wish you all the very best for the 40th Anniversary Blue and Gold Ball. May this celebration be a memorable one, filled with joy, happiness, and fond memories of your beloved Royal College.

Best regards, R. M. M. Rathnayake Principal Royal College, Colombo 07.







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Message from the Secretary

Distinguished members of the ORAUK,

It gives me immense pleasure to pen down this message for the 40th Anniversary Annual Dinner Dance of the ORAUK. It is extremely heartening to see the revival of this event after a lapse of three years due to the COVID pandemic which kept the entire world under strict social distancing regulations to prevent the spread of the disease.

ORAUK over the years through numerous activities have created a platform for old Royalists in the UK to meet up and go down memory lane and reminisce their days at Reid Avenue. Our beloved alma mater has united us irrespective of our social, religious, and cultural origins. ORAUK is a testament to that bonding and the love that we have for the college for moulding us to be who we are today.

Members of the ORAUK have repaid the debt they owed to Royal in many ways over the years and continue to do so, the latest being a donation of a bowling machine to sharpen the batting skills of our young cricketers. On behalf of the Royal College Union, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the ORAUK for all the assistance rendered towards the betterment of our beloved alma mater and urge them to continue the good work in the future as well.

The incumbent President of the ORAUK whom I knew as a senior at school, has been in constant touch with me as to how the membership could assist Royal. Gentlemen, we are in the process of transforming Royal into a total smart school and as you all are quite aware, most of the infrastructure is ancient and requires renovations and regular maintenance. As done in the past, I am confident that ORAUK will assist us in these endeavours in maintaining and improving facilities at this hallowed institution to mould the future generations of Royalists.

Finally, I wish to thank and commend President and the organizing committee of the "Blue and Gold Ball 2023" for putting this event together. I hope that all the ladies and gentlemen who attend will enjoy the evening and have a ball.

Col. (Dr.) Hiran Wimalaratne

Secretary Royal College Union







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2003/2004	£1000 Loyalty Pledge, £1400 Cricket Equipment
2004/2005	£1000 Royal Parade, £5500 Refurbishment of Hostel Dormitory £370 Athletics training equipment
2005/2006	£2700 RCU Guidance Centre, £1000 Hostel dormitory beds £500 English Drama society
2006/2007	£1100 Science Lab Equipment, £500 Cricket practice nets
2007/2008	£4000 Restoration of Swimming pool dressing rooms
2008/2009	£2000 Assisting Hostel Fees, £480 Cricket equipment £1525 Refurbishment of swimming pool
2009/2010	£1460 Rugby development, £1150 Bowling machine
2010/2011	£ 2500 Hostel toilets refurbishment, £515 Junior Football
2012/2013	£7500 Sports Complex touch down project, £500 Maths Olympiad
2013/2014	£500 English Drama Society
2015/2016	£4000 Refurbishment of Chemistry Lab 1
2016/2017	£2750 Refurbishment of Chemistry Lab 2, £750 Boxing development
2018/2019	£1500 Teacher Skills Development, £1375 computer lab renovation
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Royal wins UK Festival of Cricket 2022

32nd annual UK festival of cricket was held after a lapse of three years on 10th of July at Hainault Recreation grounds in East London borough of Redbridge. The event is based on seven-a-side cricket tournament among the constituent old boys associations, which also provides entertainment to the visitors in the form of music from band stand, food stalls dishing out Srilankan foods and trade stalls merchandising Srilankan goods, leading to fun and camaraderie among Srilankans of varying vintage. Venue has eight pitches to play cricket and the ninth one is used for car park, stalls and amusement. Coincidentally, the chief guest HE High Commissioner was daughter of an old Royalist, and the guest of honour His Worshipful Mayor of Redbridge Council is an old Royalist, to make it one Royal affair. Distinguished guests and invitees were hosted in hospitality marquee to a spread of Srilankan fare.



This year 32 OBAs participated in the cricket tournament which was won by Royal. Preliminary games were conducted on round robin basis where teams are divided into eight groups of four each. Winner of each group progressed to main tournament and runner up went to the plate tournament, which matches were conducted on a knock out basis. Royal won their group defeating three other teams including Nalanda. In the quarter final Royal defeated Dharmasoka and in the semi final Royal beat Prince of Wales to set up the final against St. Joseph's the defending champions. However, the final turned out to be one sided, with Josephian side making only 32 runs in their allotted five overs, losing all their wickets in the process. Royal cruised to victory in two overs without losing any wicket, thus right royally being crowned champions. In the consolation plate final, Nalanda beat Maris Stella.



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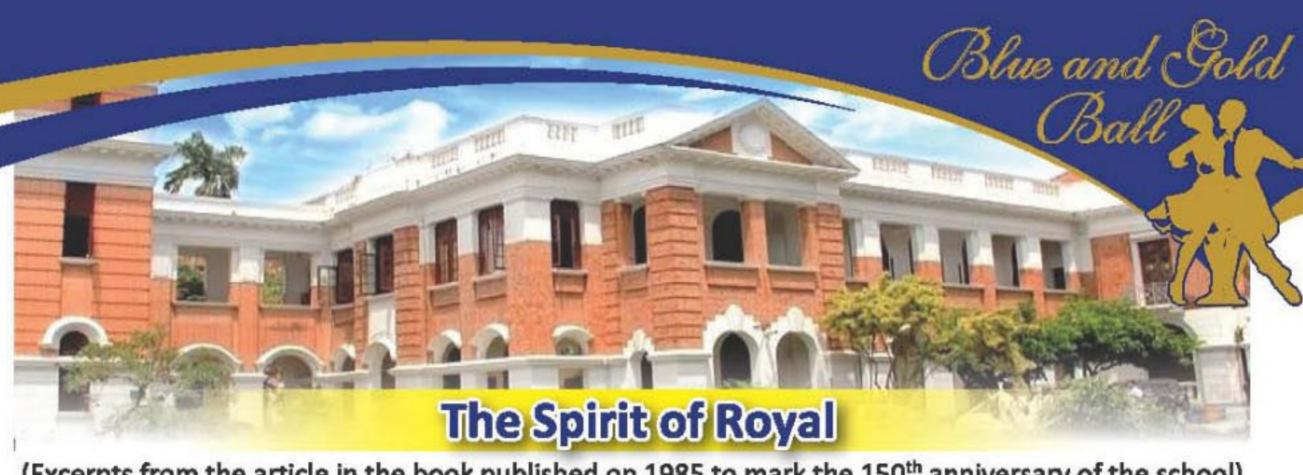


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(Excerpts from the article in the book published on 1985 to mark the 150th anniversary of the school)

The unique quality of Royal College is that all persons who enter the institution whether as students, teachers or other workers, quickly endow themselves with a Royalist personality. This is reflected in a quiet confidence and entrenched pride in belonging to the Royalist family. One no longer belongs to a particular community but to a group called Royalists, one that transcends all other distinctions.

This sense of belonging persists throughout all the time. One comes across fellow Royalists in varying situations of life, and instantly a rapport is established thereby one to know each other, by assuming his customs and understanding his character. The qualities which comprise this upbringing cannot be defined with mathematical precision, but one can point out to a lot of things that it must consist of.







A Royalist is one who is conscious of the history and traditions of the school, also how he himself has been steeped into this, of what he has to do and what is expected of him in the future. He learnt of books and men and learnt to play the game. His father did the same before him and he should teach the next generation to imbibe the essence of this spirit, perhaps what is called "The Spirit of Royal".

It is this unique experience that has made the school fashion many a leader. The discipline and ideals assimilated from the very moment of entering it, stands in good stead in the trials and tribulations in the later life. The success of many such Royalists have reflected and enhanced the reputation of the school, which in turn has attracted students of calibre, keeping the school in the forefront of affairs.









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History of Royal College Crest

(Excerpts from the book History of Royal College published in 1981)

Royal College crest serves to identify the school from other schools and gives a seal and significance to documentation. However it had not been mentioned in any writing prior to 1892. As Ceylon was crown colony of the British Empire, the imperial emblem — The Lion and the Unicorn was the badge of the country. As Royal College, then known as Colombo Academy, was a government educational institute, it had to use the British Royal Arms. The first display of Royal crest was in the first College magazine of 1893. Subsequently there had been alterations made to Royal crest in 1910 and 1912.







In 1922, the government sanctioned the issue of the new crest in place of the one used in the past. Description of the crest is as follows: "Eliptical shield with the motto Disce Aut Discede round the edge. The shield is surmounted by the word Floreat on a scroll, which is in turn surmounted by the crown. Within the shield are an elephant and a palm tree. Laurel wreaths are seen on right and left of the shield and separated from it. Initials RC are at the base where the two wreaths neatly meet".

In 1956 a change was made by replacing the British crown with the crown of the Kandyan Kingdom.





For the approved design of Royal College crest in use, the school is indebted to Mrs. F.D.Wijesinghe.





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Toast to the Association proposed by the President

Toast to Royal College proposed by Elmo Thambapillai

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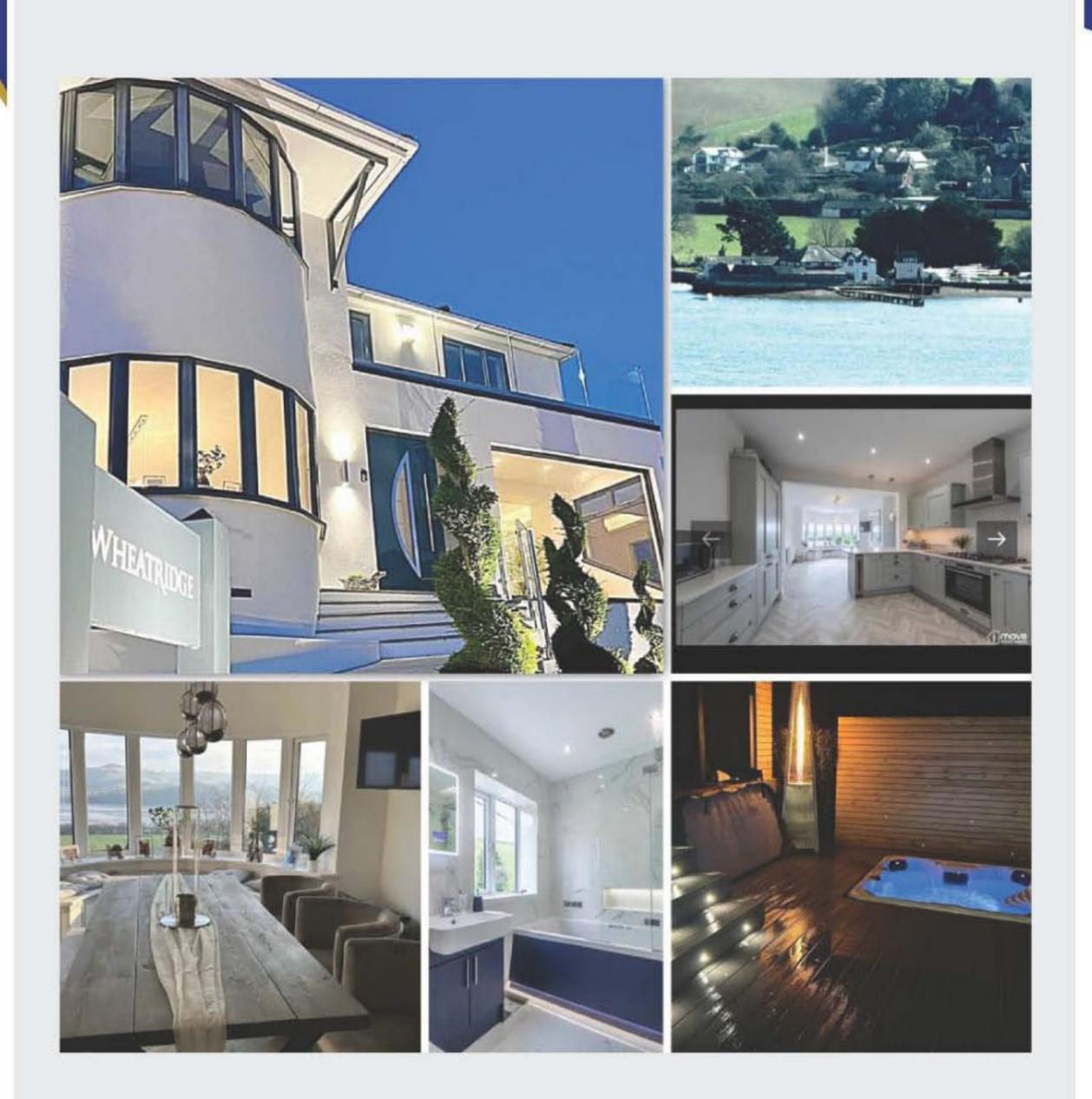
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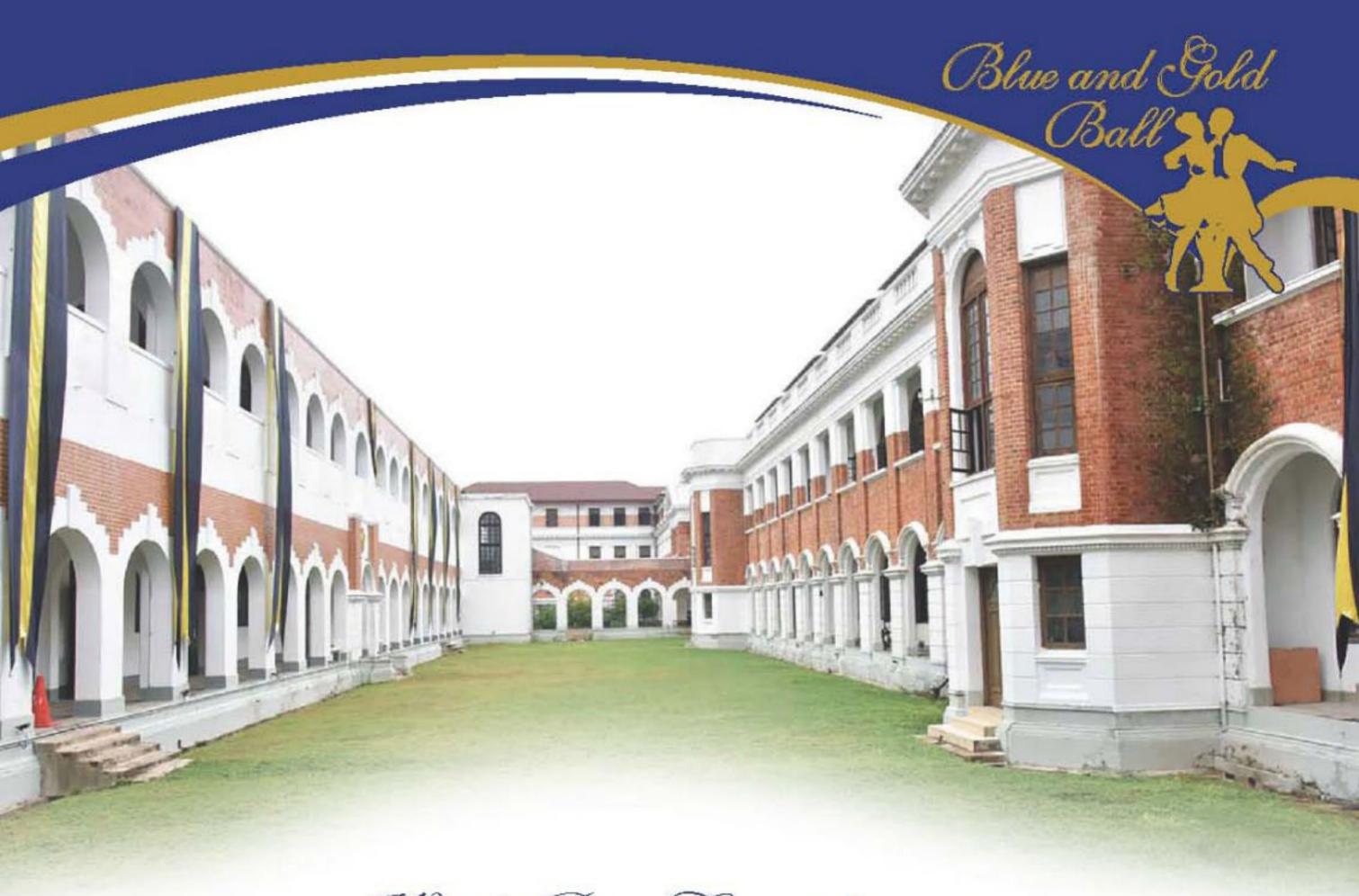
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Brief History of Royal College Boarding House (Hostel)

(Excerpts from the book "Royal College School of our fathers" compiled by D.L. Seneviratne)

The first boarding house of the Colombo Academy was established in San Sebastian in 1868. It had about 20 to 30 boys and the principals who lived in the premises, joined the boarders often for breakfast and dinner. Mr. Ashley Walker became the first boarding master in 1876, and cricket teams at the beginning were composed mostly of boarders. The boarding was on top floor of the main building, which was previously the Government House overlooking the Beira Lake, with a splendid view of the sea. The boarding was closed on around 1905.

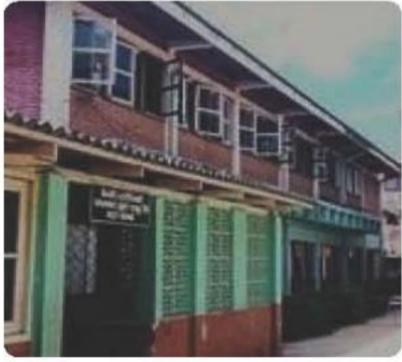






There was stern resistance to establishing the boarding again, as it was deemed to be a day school. However in 1939, due to much effort by RCU, a spacious bungalow "The Maligawa", opposite the school at Race Course Avenue was obtained on a three year lease. It had about 60 boarders, but in 1941 had to be closed, as the school shifted out during World War 2. The Bandarawela branch of the school commenced in 1942, in a bungalow "Glendale" for forms 1 to 3, had 48 boarders. It was closed when school reverted to Colombo at end of war.







In September 1946 the former Training College buildings were allocated for a hostel for the school, initially for 50 boarders. Over the years the number had increased to around 100. In 1967 the hostel building was taken over for the junior school, and in 1971 it reopened in the building formerly occupied by Official Languages Department along Reid Avenue, adjoining principal's bungalow. Subsequently with the help of Old Hostellers' Association, new hostel with modern amenities, to accommodate 240 boarders, was completed by the college.

ORAUK donated funds for the construction of dormitory and for the refurbishment of wash rooms









Origin of Royal-Thomian Cricket Match

Royal-Chamian

(Excerpts from the book History of the Royal-S.Thomas' Match compiled by S.S.Perera et. al)

Royal-Thomian match begun in 1879 between Royal College Colombo and St. Thomas' College Mt. Lavinia, is not only the oldest cricket match between schools in Sri Lanka, but also is the second oldest uninterrupted school game in the world. It was the brainchild of Mr. Ashley Walker who was the master in charge of cricket, an old Etonian who wanted to start a game on the same lines as the famous Harrow-Eton encounter. Though that was the oldest school cricket game in the world, it was interrupted by the second world war, and the honour as the oldest uninterrupted cricket game went to that between St. Peter's College Adelaide and Prince Alfred College Adelaide started in 1878.

Joseph-Brooke Bailey the acting headmaster in 1840, introduced cricket to the school. He joined the boys and also coached them, but it was not organised and there was no room to play it properly. Subsequently Principal Boake did not encourage games and there was no enthusiasm for cricket. In 1859 there was a cricketing club for boarders. It was only with the arrival of Mr. Ashley Walker who was a Cambridge blue and played first class cricket, as mathematics and boarding master in 1876, a great change took place. He made the boys take interest in the game. His concept that public school spirit and sportsmanship could be established through inter-collegiate matches stands justified.

At that time among schools in Sri Lanka, only two schools were playing cricket, with St. Thomas' College starting in 1864 and Royal College following it in 1876, and the match was arranged between these two schools. In his endeavours to start the game, Mr. Walker had received the full cooperation of sub-warden of St. Thomas' College Rev. T.F.Falkner, who was also a Cambridge blue, and through whose efforts that school had already gained a reputation for cricket. Mr. J.B.Cull who was assistant principal of the Academy at that time, gave his full support. Though there are reports that this match was played in 1877 and 1878, there is no record of them, and the official start is placed at 1879.

In the inaugural game then known as Academy versus College, masters were permitted to play and from 1880, it was restricted only to schoolboys. The first game was played over three days, 15th, 16th and 17th of July 1879 commencing at 4.00pm each day at the Gall Face Green. The Beira Lake stretched up to the present railway line at the bottom of San Sebastian Hill and the teams rowed across in boats to the grounds, which is today the site of Taj Samudra Hotel. Principal Mr. Cull had come in a horse drawn carriage. Mr. Ashley Walker Captained Royal and had another master Mr. A. Campbell in the side, while Rev. S.J. Merrick, a member of the staff had played for St. Thomas'.

This game in 1879 is not considered the first match as masters played for both sides and count is taken only from 1880. There were no school flags waved, no schoolboys shrieking with delight and no old boys recalling their old incidents. Over the years the encounter has evolved so much that, this "Battle of the Blues" has become the highlight of every year for both schools, with revelry on and off the field. How well has Mr. Walker succeeded in his mission can now be seen in the bond of healthy rivalry and mutual regard that this fine spirit has engendered. It is of note that Royal and St. Thomas' were the foremost nurseries of Sri Lanka cricket for almost eight decades since their first game.



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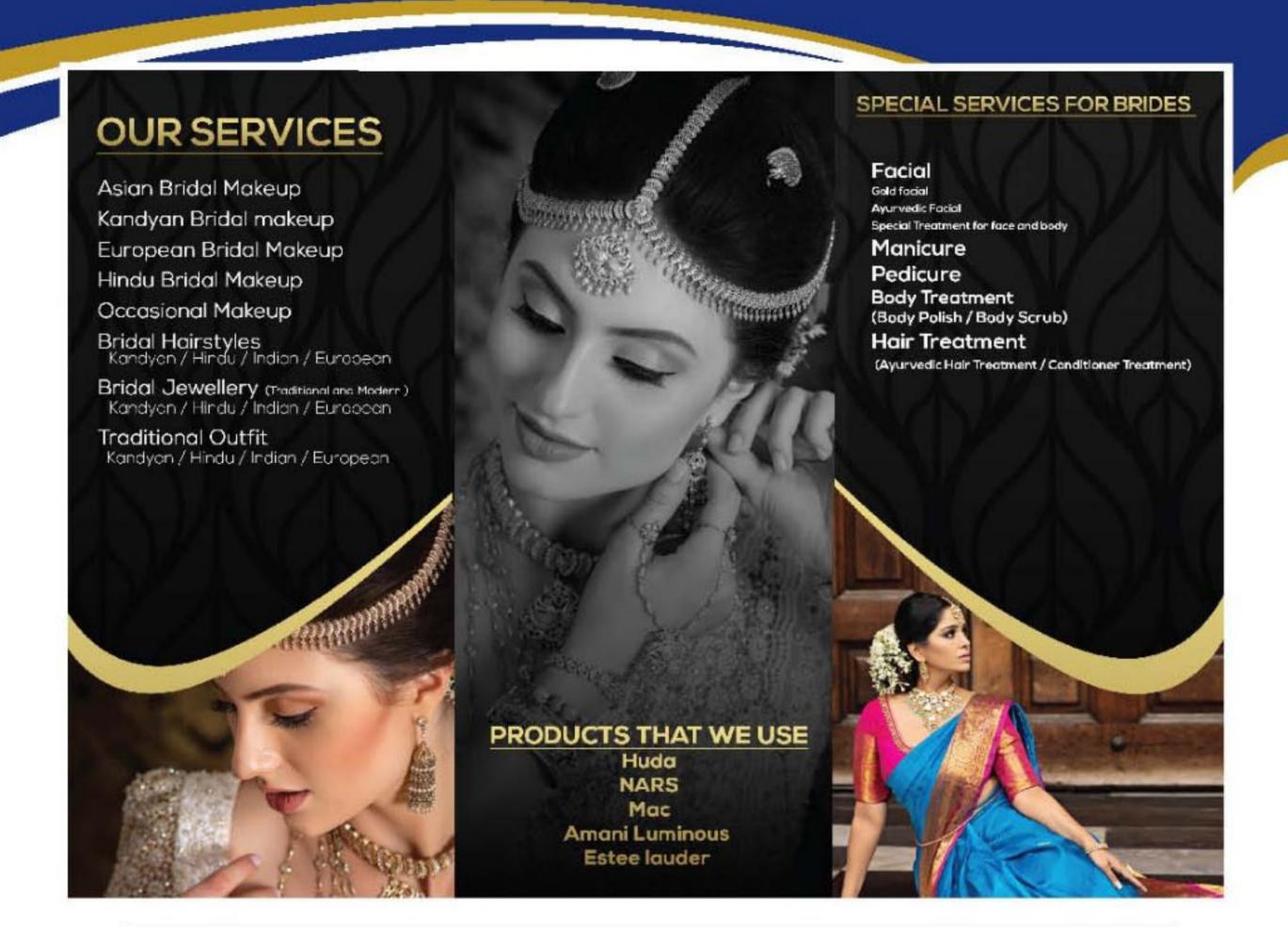


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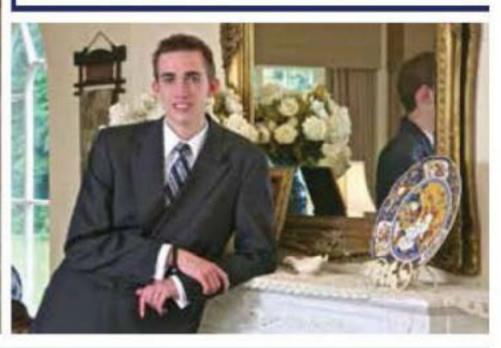
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Royal College Song

"School of Our Fathers"

Words and music by the late Major H.L. Reed, Principal 1921-1931

Thy spirit first to life awoke, In eighteen hundred and thirty five, Beneath the sway of Marsh and Boake, Thenceforth did Lanka's learning thrive.

School where our fathers learnt the way before us,

Learnt of books and learnt of men, through thee we'll do the same,

True to our watchword 'Disce aut Discede',

We will learn of books and men and learn to play the game.

Within thy shade our fathers trod, the path that leads to man's estate; They have repaid the debt they owed. They kept thy fame inviolate.

Refrain

And we their loyal sons now bear the torch with hearts as sound as oak, Our lusty throats now raise a cheer, For Hartley, Harward, Marsh and Boake.

Refrain



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Sri Lanka - National Anthem

Sri Lanka Matha Apa Sri Lanka Namo Namo Namo Matha

Sundara siri barini.... surandi athi sobamana Lanka
Dhanya dhanayan neka mal palathuru piri
jayabhoomiya ramya
Apa hata sapa siri setha sadhana
jeevanaye matha
Piliganu mena apa bhakthi pooja
Namo Namo Matha
Apa Sri Lanka
Namo Namo Namo Matha

United Kingdom - National Anthem

God save our gracious King!
Long live our noble King!
God save the King!
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the King.

Thy choicest gifts in store
On him be pleased to pour,
Long may he reign.
May he defend our laws,
And ever give us cause,
To sing with heart and voice,
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